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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,8,9,14,15,20-22,28-30,32 and 33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7,10-13,16-19,23-27 and 31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 January 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 4. 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

2. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claim 32 been renumbered 33.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application

was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Said program product "carried on a medium" is not specified anywhere in the specification.

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claim 32 recites the limitation "said store" in the independent claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

7. Claims 11 and 17 recites the limitation "said paste image" in Claims 9 and 15. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

9. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 20-22, 28-30, 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Enmei (6,067,082).

Referring to Claim 1, Enmei teaches a destination calling control system comprising:

- a database (see col. 3, line 42);

- an image storage for storing image data (see col. 3, lines 42-43);

- a display 3C (fig. 116) for displaying said image data;

- area specification means for specifying a destination image area within an image displayed on said display (see fig. 69);

- input means for entering destination data corresponding to the destination image area (see col. 30, lines 3-4);

- data registration means for calculating coordinate data of said destination image area, associating said coordinate data with the destination data, and registering storing said associated data in said database (see col. 30, lines 13-36).

Referring to Claim 9, Enmei teaches a destination calling control method comprising:

- capturing image data (see col. 3, lines 32-34);

- storing the image data (see col. 3, lines 42-43);

- displaying said image data as a displayed image (see 3C of fig. 116);

- specifying a destination image area within said displayed image (see fig. 69);

- entering destination data corresponding to said destination image data (see col. 30, lines 3-4);

calculating coordinate data for said destination image area, associating said coordinate data with said destination image area, and storing the associated data with a database (see col. 30, lines 13-36);

retrieving destination data by specifying said destination image area (see col. 30, lines 21-22);

calculating said coordinates of said destination image area searching said database for the destination data (see col. 30, lines 23-24); and

calling said destination corresponding to the destination data (see col. 3, lines 46-49).

Referring to Claim 15, Enmei teaches a computer readable program product, said program product configured to execute in a computer the following destination calling control method comprising:

capturing desired image data (see col. 3, lines 32-34) and storing said data (see col. 3, lines 42-43);

displaying said image data (see 3C of fig. 116);

specifying a desired area within an image displayed corresponding to said image data (see fig. 69) and, entering destination data corresponding to said destination image area (see col. 30, lines 3-4);

calculating coordinate data of said desired area, associating said coordinate data with said destination data and storing said associated data with a database (see col. 30, lines 13-36);

specifying as a destination, the desired area in the image and calculating the coordinate of the desired area specified searching said database for the destination data based on the coordinate (see col. 30, lines 19-36), and calling the destination based on the destination data (see col. 3, lines 46-49).

Referring to Claim 21, Enmei teaches a destination calling control system comprising:

- a memory device configured to store a database (see col. 3, line 42);
- an image storage unit for storing image data (see col. 3, lines 42-43);
- a display unit 3C (fig. 116) for displaying the image data;
- an area specification unit configured to allow a user to specify a desired area within the image displayed on said display unit (see fig. 69);
- an input unit for entering destination data (see col. 30, lines 3-4);
- a data registration unit configured to calculate coordinate data of the area specified by said area specification unit as a destination image area, associating the coordinate data with the destination data entered from said input unit, and to register the associated data with said database (see col. 30, lines 13-36);
- a destination data search unit configured to calculate the coordinates of the area specified by said area specification unit as a destination and to search said database for the destination data based on the coordinates (see col. 30, lines 21-24); and
- a calling unit calling the destination based on the destination data obtained by said destination data search unit (see col. 3, lines 46-49).

Referring to Claim 2 and 22, Enmei also teaches said display comprising a touch screen (input pen 55 of fig. 116 is used to touch screen).

Referring to Claims 8 and 28, Enmei also teaches said data registration means defining an outline of said destination image area, calculating the coordinate data of said outline, associating said coordinate data with said destination data, and storing said associated data in said database (see col. 30, lines 19-36).

Referring to Claims 14 and 20, Enmei also teaches the coordinate area of said destination image area obtained by extracting an outline of a destination object in said destination image area and by calculating said coordinates of an area encircled by said outline (see col. 30, lines 19-36).

Referring to Claim 29, Enmei also teaches destination data search means for calculating coordinates of a selected area indicating a destination image area for searching said database means for the destination data associated with the coordinates (see col. 30, lines 21-24); and

calling means for calling the destination associated with the destination data obtained by said destination data search means (see col. 3, lines 46-49).

Referring to Claim 30, Enmei teaches a destination calling control method comprising:

capturing an image (see col. 3, lines 32-34);

storing said image (see col. 3, lines 42-43);

selecting a portion of said image (see 553 of fig. 69);

entering destination data corresponding to said portion of said image (see col. 30, lines 3-4);

storing said destination data corresponding to said portion of said image (see col. 32, lines 35-39);

retrieving said destination data by selecting said portion of said image (see col. 32, lines 26-28); and

dialing a call utilizing said destination data (see col. 3, lines 46-49).

Referring to Claim 32, Enmei teaches a destination calling apparatus comprising:

a memory for storing an image (see col. 3, lines 42-43);

a display 3C (fig. 116) for displaying said image;

a selector for selecting a portion of said image (see 553 of fig. 69);

an input device for entering destination data corresponding to said portion of said image (see col. 30, lines 3-4);

a register for calculating coordinate data for said portion of said image, associating said coordinate data with said destination data, and storing said associated data in said memory (see col. 30, lines 13-36);

a searcher for retrieving destination data based on coordinates of a portion of said image selected by said selector (see col. 32, lines 26-28); and

a calling device for calling using the destination data retrieved by said searcher (see col. 3, lines 46-49).

Referring to Claim 33, Enmei also teaches said program product carried on a medium (see col. 3, lines 31-49).

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 3-7, 10-13, 16-19, 23-27, and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding Claims 3 and 23, Enmei does not teach image pasting means for pasting a title image created by a title image creation means and the plurality of destination images captured by said image capturing means and for storing the pasted images.

Regarding Claims 10 and 16, Enmei does not teach creating a paste image by pasting a plurality of destination images with a title image.

Regarding Claims 11 and 17, Enmei does not teach assigning unique number in a numeric keypad to a paste image, and displaying the destination image or the title image in response to the number of the numeric key that is pressed.

Regarding Claim 31, Enmei does not teach said image including at least a portion of a person.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eugene Yun whose telephone number is (703) 305-2689. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:30pm Alt. Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William G Trost can be reached on (703) 308-5318. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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